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(OLD SOUTH CHAPEL.)
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REPORT.

Two years having passed since our last report, it seems desirable again to present to our friends and the public some account of our work, our hopes and our needs.

The Training School for Nurses has been in existence since 1873, and has now come to be a recognized and established institution, filling a want in the community by supplying trained nurses, and accepted and trusted by the Massachusetts General Hospital with all the nursing in its wards. This position has not come all at once, but gradually and steadily, and we now hope that we have passed through the experimental stage, and come to a steady, working foundation.

The School has, at this date, fifty Nurses doing the whole nursing of the hospital. This number is made up of pupils, head nurses, and a night superintendent. These nurses are all under the charge and teaching of the Superintendent of the Training School, who oversees the nursing, and instructs the nurses by class and manual. In addition to the bedside and hospital training, the nurses are greatly benefited by lectures delivered by various physicians connected with the hospital, who kindly give their valued services, and by the teaching and lectures of some of the house officers, on bandaging, anatomy, and physiology, which have been of great help and advantage to the nurses.

COURSE OF LECTURES

FOR THE YEAR 1882,—83.

DR. MINOT.—

Relation of nurse to family and physician.
Care of patient.
Special nursing in diseases of women.
Special nursing in diseases of children.

DR. WARREN.—

Theory of wounds, gangrene, erysipelas.

DR. G. W. WEST.—

Surgical dressings, plasters, poultices, bandages.
Fractures and Splints.

DR. WHITE.—

Care of skin of new-born child.
Care of skin in general.

DR. CUTLER.—

Topographical Anatomy.
Care of the dead and autopsies.
Pulse, respiration and temperature.
Dropsy.

Dr. Porter.—

Anæsthesia.
Operations.

Dr. A. T. Cabot.—

Food, doses and preparations of medicine.
Chills and hemorrhage.
Convulsions and collapse.
Special nursing in urinary diseases.
Special nursine in tracheotomy.

Dr. W. L. Richardson.—

Confinements.
Obstetric emergencies.
Care of new-born child.

Dr. Abbott.—

Nursing in fever.
Special consideration of typhoid fever and acute rheumatism.

Dr. Whittier.

Care of diseases of thoracic organs.
Care of diseases of abdominal organs.

Dr. J. J. Putnam.—

Special nursing in nervous diseases.
Massage.

Dr. Wadsworth.—

Diseases of the eye.

Dr. CHARLES P. CURTIS, *Treasurer*, in account with BOSTON TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES. **Cr.**

1882.		
Jan. 1.	To balance in Treasury . . .	$1,458.10
	Subscriptions	1,443.00
	Income from Fund	590.00
	Interest at Bank	58.01
		$3,549.11

The Permanent Fund is invested as follows:

25 shares Boston & Albany R. R. Co.
3 " Boston Gas Light Co.
10 " Boston & Maine R. R. Co.
10 " Old Colony R. R. Co.

$2,000 seven per cent. Bonds, Atchison & Nebraska R. R. Co.

1882.		
	Current Monthly Expenses, including salary of Superintendent . . .	$2,008.66
	Cash paid for materials for nurses' caps, diplomas, etc. . . .	90.75
	Bought one share of Boston & Maine R. R. Co.	145.75
Dec. 31.	Balance in Treasury	$1,303,95
		$3,549.11

CHARLES P. CURTIS, *Treasurer.*

December 31, 1882.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1882.

William Amory,	$25.00
Elisha V. Ashton,	100.00
Francis Bartlett,	10.00
Jas. H. Blake,	10.00
Martin Brimmer,	20.00
Mrs. Stephen H. Bullard,	5.00
Mrs. Wm. S. Bullard,	5.00
Miss C. A. Brewer,	15.00
Mrs. P. C. Brooks, jr.	50.00
Mrs. J. Eliot Cabot,	5.00
John H. Cabot,	10.00
Robert Codman,	10.00
Chas. P. Curtis,	10.00
Mrs. Chas. P. Curtis,	10.00
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Geo. P. Denny,	20.00
Edmund Dwight,	10.00
Wm. Endicott, jr	50.00
Charles Fairchild,	10.00
Mrs. Dwight Foster,	5.00
John Foster,	50.00
Mrs. Geo. I. Fiske,	10.00
Mrs. Ozias Goodwin,	10.00
Miss Eliza Goodwin,	10.00
Henry S. Grew,	10.00
Wm. O. Grover,	25.00
Mrs. E. T. Hooker,	5.00
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Augustus Lowell,	15,00
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Mrs. J. C. Palfrey,	5.00
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Edward S. Philbrick,	5.00
John C. Phillips,	50.00
Alexander S. Porter,	10.00
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Mrs. Wm. R. Robeson,	25.00
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Mrs. J. Montgomery Sears	50.00
Mrs. G. H. Shaw,	20.00
Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw,	50.00
Mrs. D. H. Storer,	10.00
Miss Storer,	10.00
Nathaniel Thayer,	200.00
Mrs. Geo. W. Wales,	20.00
Mrs. Mary Ann Wales,	100.00
Mrs. W. W. Wadsworth,	50.00
Dr. Chas. E. Ware,	20.00
Mrs. Ware,	20.00
S. H. Whitwell,	10.00
Miss Sophia Whitwell,	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Wolcott,	50.00

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES,

ATTACHED TO

THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL IN BOSTON.

The Directors of the Training School for Nurses have made arrangements with the Trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital for giving a two years training to women desirous of becoming professional nurses.

Persons wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Superintendent of the Training School, Massachusetts General Hospital, Blossom Street, Boston.

The most desirable age for Candidates is from twenty-five to thirty-five years; they must be in sound health, and must present, on application, a certificate from some responsible person as to their good character. After approval by the Superintendent of the School and the Resident Physician of the Hospital, they are received for one month on probation. During this month they are boarded and lodged at the Hospital, but receive no compensation.

They are under the anthority of the Resident Physician and the Superintendent, and are subject to the Rules of the Hospltal. Their fitness for the work, and the propriety of retaining or dismissing them at the end

of the month of trial, is determined by the Resident Physician of the Hospital and the Superintendent and Directors of the School; and the same authorities can also discharge them at any time, in case of misconduct or inefficiency. They reside in the Hospital, and serve as assistant nurses in the wards of the Hospital.

TRAINING.

Those fulfilling the conditions of the probationary month are accepted as pupils. They must sign a written agreement to remain at the School for two years, and to conform to its rules.

The instruction includes —

1. The dressing of burns, sores, and wounds; the preparation and application of fomentations, and poultices of cups and leeches, and of minor dressings.

2. The administration of enemas, and use of the catheter.

3. The best method of rubbing and exercising the sick.

4. The care of patients' rooms; changing sheets while a patient is in bed; ventilation.

5. The management of helpless patients, changing their clothing, giving baths in bed, and preventing bed-sores.

6. Bandaging; making bandages and rollers; lining splints.

7. Certain emergencies, and how to treat them.

8. The preparation, cooking and serving of nutritious and appetizing food.

They are taught to observe accurately the state of the secretions, expectorations, pulse, skin, appetite, tempera-

(Form of Diploma.)

Boston Training School for Nurses.

This certifies that .....

has completed the term of two years at the Boston Training School for Nurses, connected with the Massachusetts General Hospital, during which time her conduct has been satisfactory; and she has passed the required examinations.

....*President*

....*Secretary.*

GRADUATES.

1881.

Miss Caroline L. Anderson.
" Eunice Draper.
Mrs. Mary S. Cassidy.
" Lydia L. Hawkes.
Miss Caroline Houdlette.
" Jennie L. Scofield.
" Mary Lynch.
" Anna Bacon.
Mrs. Mary Tibbets.
Miss Nettie Morey.
" Fannie Morey.
" Lucy Webster.
" Julia Casey.
" Mary H. McKean.
" Juliet B. Smith.

1882.

Miss Emeline K. Lord.
" Clara D. Cowie.
" Fanny K. Slayton.
" Ida M. Blake.
" Mrs. Mary Bryant.
Miss Lucy V. Pickett.
" Sarah E. Smythe.
" Helen Chamberlain.
" Amelia Ackles.
" M. Frances Palmer.
" Ada M. Watson.
" Florence Rice.
" Eliza Jane Dickey.
" Agnes Lyon.